(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) by when a final decision would be taken for providing military training to youths at college level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the UGC has not received any suggestion for providing military training to youths at college level.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

Implementation of CAS

1494. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Conditional Access System (CAS) has not been implemented in all the States/UTs;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that TRAI has made certain recommendations regarding terms and conditions for implementation of CAS;

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(e) by when CAS is likely to be implemented throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) The Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Amendment Act, 2002 empowers the Government to issue notifications in public interest, making it obligatory for every cable operator to transmit or retransmit programmes of pay channels through an addressable system (commonly known as Conditional Access System) with effect from such dates as may be specified in the notification and different dates may be specified for different States, cities, towns or areas as the case may be.

Conditional Access System (CAS) was sought to be implemented in a phased manner in three Metro cities *viz.* Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and

in one go in Chennai. The implementation of CAS ran into operational difficulties in the metro cities, owing to a deep divide among the stakeholders, *i.e.* the broadcasters, multi-service operators and local cable operators, impinging on consumer's interest. This led to the suspension of implementation of CAS in all the four metro cities in February 2004. However, CAS is currently under implementation in Chennai city on the strength of a Madras High Court Order.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir, The Telecom Regulary Authority of India (TRAI) on 1.10.2004 submitted its recommendations on the issues relating to Broadcasting and Distribution of TV Channels, which *inter-alia*, covers the implementation of CAS. TRAI's recommendations, which are available on its website (www.trai.gov.in), are under examination in consultation with States/UTs and other stakeholders. Moreover, the issue of implementation of CAS is *sub judice*. No time frame can be given for the final decision in the matter.

Losses to entertainment industry due to piracy

†1495. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that entertainment industry in India is incurring heavy losses due to piracy and all the efforts by Government to prevent this has proved to be a failure;

(b) if so, whether the higher rates of entertainment are the root cause for this and SIMCON has supported to cut down these rates;

(c) if so, by when Government would accept the recommendations of SIMCON and take concrete steps to stop piracy; and

(d) whether any steps have been taken and if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (d) According to the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) the revenue loss from film piracy is about Rs. 1200 crores annually. As far as the Music Industry is concerned, the Indian Music Industry (IMI) has informed that the size of the music industry has fallen from Rs. 1000 crores in 1999 to Rs. 500 crores in 2004 due to piracy.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.